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SUBJECT: U.S. RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN

ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE CALLED IN CHINESE AMBASSADOR  
HAN MAY 10 TO DISCUSS U.S. RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN AS WELL  
AS OTHER MATTERS. DISCUSSION WITH RESPECT TO PAKISTAN, IN  
WHICH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS PARTICIPATED,  
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: HOLBROOKE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE U.S.  
SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC  
HEALTH OF PAKISTAN AND IN PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL COHESIVENESS,  
INTEGRITY AND STABILITY. WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL,  
THEREFORE, TO CONVEY TO THE PRC SOME OF OUR FEELINGS ON THE  
PRESENT SITUATION THERE.

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-- WE HAVE BEEN VERY DISTRESSED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN  
SINCE THE MARCH 7 ELECTIONS.

-- A RENEWAL OF VIOLENT CONFRONTATION OR A FAILURE TO RE-  
SOLVE PRESENT CONTRADICTIONS IN PAKISTAN COULD ERODE THE  
COHESIVENESS OF PAKISTAN AND COULD ALSO UNDERMINE ITS TER-

RITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THUS THE STABILITY OF SOUTH ASIA, AN INTEREST WE AND THE CHINESE SHARE.

-- WE ARE CONTINUING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN, WHICH LAST YEAR TOTALLED DOLS 76 MILLION, EXCLUSIVE OF LARGE SHIPMENTS OF WHEAT AND VEGETABLE OIL ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS. WE HOPE TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF OUR ASSISTANCE NEXT YEAR.

-- ARMS SALES AND SHIPMENTS ARE CONTINUING AS WELL. SINCE THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO IN EARLY 1975, THE US HAS APPROVED MAJOR SALES TALLING DOLS 250 MILLION, INCLUDING POSITIVE ACTION ON PARTS FOR A MAJOR PAKISTAN ARMY TANK UPGRADING PROGRAM.

-- RECENTLY, BHUTTO HAS CHARGED THAT WE HAVE BEEN SECRETLY HELPING HIS OPPONENTS. WE HAVE BEEN VERY UPSET TO HEAR THIS ACCUSATION. IT IS TOTALLY WITHOUT TRUTH. THESE CHARGES ARE REPUGNANT, WHOLLY DISTASTEFUL TO THE ADMINISTRATION. SECRETARY VANCE HAS EXPLICITLY DENIED THEM. WE ARE NOT INTERVENING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND CERTAINLY NOT INTERVENING TO UPSET BHUTTO.

-- THE FACT IS THAT OUR ABILITY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH PAKISTAN WILL BE INCREASINGLY UNDERMINED IF PAKISTANI LEADERS AND INFORMATION MEDIA CONTINUE TO MAKE FALSE CHARGES AGAINST US. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT A CONTINUATION OF THIS STRATEGY WILL BRING ABOUT A DETERIORATION IN US-PAKISTAN RELATIONS.

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-- WE HOPE THAT THE US AND PAKISTAN GOVERNMENTS WILL BE ABLE, AS IN THE PAST, TO DISCUSS OUR DISAGREEMENTS PRIVATELY AND QUIETLY. THE SECRETARY ON APRIL 29 PROPOSED IN A LETTER TO BHUTTO THAT WE TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO HAVE QUITE DISCUSSIONS, AND BHUTTO HAS RESPONDED POSITIVELY.

-- OUR GOAL REMAINS A SECURE AND DEVELOPING PAKISTAN, ASSISTED AS APPROPRIATE BY THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SHARES THIS OBJECTIVE.

-- WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY THOUGHTS AND PERCEPTIONS THE CHINESE SIDE HAS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN.

AMBASSADOR HAN REPLIED THAT HOLBROOKE WAS AWARE THAT DURING THE BRADEMAS/SCHWEIKER DELEGATION'S VISIT VICE PREMIER LI MET WITH THE DELEGATION AND STATED THE CONSISTENT POSITION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WITH REGARD

TO THE QUESTION. LI SAID THAT NOW PAKISTAN IS FACING DIFFICULTIES AND THE US SHOULD GIVE MORE SUPPORT TO THE

PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT. AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT CHINESE LEADERS HAVE EXPRESSED TO AMERICAN LEADERS IN THE PAST, PAKISTAN CONSTITUTES A VERY IMPORTANT LINK IN THE STRATEGIC LINE, SO CHINA HOPES FOR THE SAKE OF THE OVERALL STRATEGIC SITUATION THAT THE US WILL SUPPORT PAKISTAN.

HOLBROOKE TOLD AMBASSADOR HAN THAT HE IS GLAD THAT WE SHARE THIS PERCEPTION. HOLBROOKE WANTED PARTICULARLY TO STRESS TODAY THAT THE PAKISTAN ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES DO NOT MAKE ANY SENSE, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT FIT THE FACTS. HE ADDED THAT WE HAVE ASKED THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT TO A NEW AMBASSADOR, AND TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON OUR RELATIONS, AMBASSADOR HAN SHOULD KNOW THAT WE HAVE ASKED TO SEND AMBASSADOR HUMMEL, CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS PREDECESSOR, AS AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN.

DUBS SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT AID. SINCE PAKISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE, HE SAID, WE HAVE SUPPLIED DOLS 4.7 BILLION IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. IN ADDITION TO THE FIGURE ALREADY SUPPLIED (DOLS 76 MILLION), WE HAVE PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 67 MILLION IN P.L. 480 SUPPORT AND, FOR FY 1978, WE ARE PROJECTING DOLS 98 MILLION FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THUS, ASSISTANCE IS GOING FROM DOLS 76 MILLION TO DOLS 98 MILLION. AND, OF COURSE, SINCE THE EMBARGO WAS LIFTED IN 1975, WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO ESTABLISH A NORMAL MILITARY SALES RELATIONSHIP.

HAN HAD NO COMMENT. END QUOTE.

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